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SUBJ: BERLIN: THE SOVIET THREAT TO ALLIED FLAG TOURS

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1. IN COURSE BROADER DISCUSSION, QUAI DIRECTOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS ANDREANI INFORMED US THAT HE HAD TOLD SOVIET AMBASSADOR DUBININ, IN "VERY ENERGETIC TERMS," DURING LATTER'S VISIT HERE LAST WEEK, THAT THE QA REPRESENTED ONE OF THE BASES OF DETENTE, AND THAT THIS BASE COULD CRUMBLE IF ALLIED STATUS IN BERLIN WERE DAMAGED BY UNILATERAL SOVIET MOVES, SUCH AS INHIBITING ALLIED FLAG TOURS. DUBININ TOOK NOTE BUT, AS FAR AS WE CAN GATHER, MADE NO SIGNIFICANT REPLY.

2. ANDREANI CONSIDERS COORDINATED ALLIED RESPONSES WERE STRONG AND THEREFORE GOOD. ISSUE FOR ALLIED PLANNING NOW WAS WHAT TO DO IF SOVIETS SHOULD, NEVERTHELESS, TEST OUR RESOLVE; EVEN IF THIS SHOULD ONLY
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TAKE THE FORM OF RENEWED SOVIET NOTES INSISTING THAT FLAG TOURS CEASE. ANDREANI THOUGHT ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS, IN THAT CASE, SHOULD BE TO DROP THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE EXERCISE TO MAKE SURE THAT SOVIETS UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE COMMITTED.

3. CONTINUING TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PER-

SONALLY, ANDREANI THEN STRESSED HIS CONVICTION THAT, IN FACE SOVIET PROBES OR TEST OVER THIS ISSUE, IT WILL BE "ESSENTIAL TO STOP THEM." CERTAIN COUNTERMEASURES CAN AND PROBABLY SHOULD THEN BE TAKEN IN BERLIN. HOWEVER, LIMITING SOVIET ACCESS IN VARIOUS WAYS TO WEST BERLIN HAS CLEAR LIMITATIONS, SINCE WEST DOES WANT THEM TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN BASC TO ASSURE AIR SAFETY. IF WE RESTRICT THEIR ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN IN SOME RESPECTS, THERE IS THE OBVIOUS RISK THAT THEY MAY RESPOND BY REFUSING TO CONTINUE TO SEND THEIR PEOPLE TO THE BASC. WE WOULD THEN HAVE A SERIOUS AIR ACCESS PROBLEM AS WELL.

4. BECAUSE OF THESE AND OTHER LIMITATIONS INHERENT IN RESPONSES LIMITED TO THE BERLIN CONTEXT, ANDREANI THOUGHT THAT THERE WILL ALSO BE NEED TO RESPOND FORCEFULLY ON THE GENERAL DIPLOMATIC LEVEL, TO MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT SOVIETS UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION.

5. ALL THIS, HE CONCLUDED, WILL REQUIRE PROMPT ALLIED PLANNING. IN THIS PROCESS, HIBBERT'S CONTINUING "APPEASEMENT" AND "BELITTling" OF BERLIN THREAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM.
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